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E.O.: 12958: DECL: 09/23/06  
TAGS: PREL PTER SY IS  
SUBJECT: LIST OF HAMAS MEMBERS ACTIVE IN SYRIA

11. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS AN ACTION REQUEST IN PARA 5.

12. (U) CLASSIFIED BY CDA MARJORIE RANSOM, REASON: 1.5  
(B) AND (D).

13. (C) IN A RECENT DISCUSSION ON TERRORIST GROUPS  
PRESENT IN SYRIA, A MIDLEVEL OFFICIAL OF THE SOCIALIST  
UNITY PARTY (STRICTLY PROTECT) GAVE US A LIST IN ARABIC  
OF MEMBERS OF HAMAS ACTIVE IN SYRIA. HE GAVE US NO  
OTHER INFORMATION ON THESE PERSONS' ACTIVITIES OR  
POSITIONS IN HAMAS OR WHETHER THEY ARE STILL PRESENT IN  
SYRIA. COMMENTS BY THE SAME CONTACT ON IRANIAN ARMS  
TRANSFERS TO HIZBALLAH AND THE WHEREABOUTS OF PKK  
LEADER ABDULLAH OCALAN ARE REPORTED SEPTEL.

14. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF  
THE SIXTEEN NAMES ON THE LIST:

ABDEL AL-RAHMAN MUTLAQ 'ABD AL-MAHDI  
MAHMOUD SALEH JABER  
'ARIF KHALIL ABU 'EID  
RASIL MUHAMMAD GHARAIBA  
RAJAH AL-KURDI  
MUHAMMAD ABU FARIS  
HAMAM 'ABD AL-RAHIM S'AID  
MUHAMMAD 'AMRO  
MUHAMMAD 'EID AL-SAHIB  
YASIN DARAWKA  
AL-'ABD KHALIL ABU 'EID  
MUHAMMAD AL-MAJALI  
MUHAMMAD NABIL TAHER  
DIYAB 'AQL  
SULTAN 'AQILIYA (OR 'AQAILEH)  
SALAH 'ABD AL-FATAH AL-KHALDI (OR AL-KHALIDI)

15. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH THIS CONTACT FOR FURTHER  
DETAILS AND ATTEMPT TO VERIFY THE INFORMATION ON THIS  
LIST. ACTION REQUEST FOR WASHINGTON: PLEASE ADVISE  
WHETHER ANY OF THE NAMES ON THIS LIST ARE KNOWN MEMBERS  
OF HAMAS. END ACTION REQUEST.

RANSOM